(*b*) In how many of them primary schools are opened by Government?

(*c*) In how many villages there are aided schools?

(*d*) How many villages have no schools of any kind?

(*e*) What percentage the number of villages having schools work up to the total number of the aforesaid villages?

(*f*) How many villages which had such schools in 1918-19 and 1919-20 have none now?

(*g*) How many villages are there with a population of less than 100?

(*h*) What percentage does the number of children having primary schools bear to the total number of children entitled thereto and how many per cent are actually receiving such education?

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—27. (*a*) 14,105 villages.

(*b*) 2,307. (*e*) 28·11.
(*c*) 1,658. (*f*) 1,332.
(*d*) 10,140. (*g*) 4,741.

(*h*) The meaning of the question is not clear. If the member wants information as to the percentage of boys and girls attending schools to the total number of boys and girls of school-going age, the answer is 26·04 per cent.

BY MR. A. S. NANJUNDAPPA,—(Alur Sub-Taluk).

Q.—28. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) What were the establishment charges of the Bhadravati Iron Works before the appointment of the Managing Board and what is the present expenditure?

(*b*) What is the excess cost incurred on account of the increased establishment?

(*c*) What royalty would Government realize if the iron ore gratuitously given to the Works were sold elsewhere and what is the value of the fuel supplied to it free of cost?

(*d*) Considering the immense loss the Government is sustaining, why should not an immediate retrenchment be effected in the cost of establishment?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, REVENUE DEPARTMENT.—

A.- 28. (*a*) The monthly expenditure on establishment charges before the appointment of the Board was Rs. 47,527.

The same charges on the 1st of September 1924 are Rs. 40,787 per month.

(*b*) Nil.

(*c*) 1. *Ore.*—Iron ore used in the Works has ordinarily no demand or market value and no royalty would have been realised by Government even if the Iron Works did not exist.

2. *Fuel.*—No fuel is supplied to the works free of cost. The Works meet all charges for the collection, preparation and transport of wood and also make a contribution towards the cost of the special forest staff employed on fuel collection.

(*d*) *Vide* answers to (*a*) and (*b*).

By Messrs. H. Boranna and A. Mahadevappa,—(Hassan Taluk).

Q.—29. With reference to the Administration Report of the Police Department for the year 1922-23 and the Government review thereon, will the Government be pleased to state what steps have been taken or will be taken—

(*a*) To improve the moral eand efficiency of the Department?

(*b*) To attract better type of recruits to the Police Department?

(*c*) To weed out inefficient hands from the Department?

Secretary to Government, Local and Legislative Departments.—

A.—29. (*a*) Every attempt is made to keep up and improve the morale and efficiency of the Department by recognising honest and efficient work among the officers and punishing those who are found to be corrupt and inefficient.

(*b*) Educational qualifications have been prescribed for recruitment to the several grades and only those possessing these qualifications are generally appointed to them.

(*c*) Whenever instances of inefficiency of officers are brought to notice, they are suitably dealt with by removal of the officers or otherwise according to the circumstances of the case.

By Mr. Puttamallappa,—(Shikarpur Taluk).

Q.—30. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) How many posts, not being that of Amildars, fell vacant since 1921, in the offices of the Amildars, Sub-Division officers and Deputy Commissioners in the Mysore State?